Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Geography is the study of people, their environments, and their resources; and,

WHEREAS, Historically, geography has aided Americans in understanding the wholeness of their vast nation and the great abundance of its natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Geography today offers perspectives and information in understanding ourselves, our relationship to the Earth, and our interdependence with other peoples of the world; and,

WHEREAS, Statistics illustrate that a significant number of American students could not find the United States on a world map, could not identify Alaska and Texas as the nation's largest states, and could not name the New England states; and,

WHEREAS, An ignorance of geography, foreign languages, and cultures places the United States at a disadvantage with other countries in matters of business, politics, and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, The United States is a nation of worldwide involvements and global influence, the responsibilities of which demand an understanding of the lands, languages, and cultures of the world; and,

WHEREAS, National attention must be focused on the integral role that knowledge of world geography plays in preparing citizens of the United States for the future of an increasingly interdependent and interconnected world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 13 through 19, 1988, as

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon the people of this great state to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE